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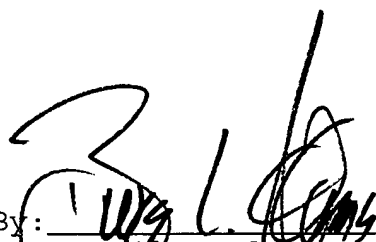
In the previously submitted response dated October 7, 2004 to the Office Action dated July 7, 2004, original independent claim 1 was amended to further patentably distinguish from the prior art of record. Claim 1 was further amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, improve the wording, and to bring it into better conformance with U.S. practice. New claims 2-14 have been added to provide a fuller scope of coverage. A new abstract which more clearly reflects the invention to which the amended and new claims are directed has been substituted for the original abstract.

By this supplemental response, the specification has been suitably revised to correct informalities, provide antecedent basis for the claim language, and bring it into better conformance with U.S. practice.

In view of the foregoing amendments and discussion, and in light of the amendments and arguments presented in the October 7, 2004 response, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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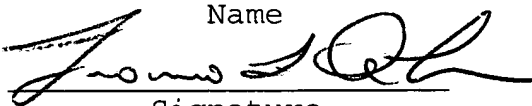
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